

NEWSLETTER

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Sheriff's Office of Baltimore City

Encompassing the City of Baltimore

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Mission Statement: To serve the citizens of Baltimore City and advance the Criminal Justice System and Public Safety of Baltimore City by providing professional and uncompromising service through teamwork and a commitment to excellence. To fulfill the duties of the Office of the Sheriff in a dignified manner so as to inspire the confidence of the public and to consistently strive to advance the quality of life in the City of Baltimore.

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September at a glance.

By Inspector Steven K. Williams

LABOR DAY

September 3rd

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday that takes place on the first Monday in September. The holiday began in 1882, originating from a desire by the Central Labor Union to create a day off for the "working man". It is still celebrated mainly as a day of rest and marks the symbolic end of summer for many. Labor Day became a national holiday by Act of Congress in 1894.

PATRIOT DAY

September 11th

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the nearly three thousand who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks. However, the name does not seem to have yet caught on in the American vernacular; most people still refer to the day as "September 11th", "Nine-Eleven (9/11)", or some variation thereof.

YOM KIPPUR

September 22nd

Yom Kippur (Hebrew Yom hakippurim, "day of atonement") is the most sacred holy day in Judaism. It falls on the tenth day of the Hebrew month of Tishri. Yom Kippur is a day of confession, repentance, and prayers for forgiveness of sins committed during the year.



A Special Thank You to Deputy Sheriff Ronald Thomas from Associate Administrator Rafael C. Ortiz

I want to appraise you of the outstanding manner in which you conducted yourself in Judge White's Courtroom (CR 636M) a couple of weeks ago. Of particular importance is the way in which he briefed the public that was seated in her courtroom, prior to the judge entering. "I have attended numerous court proceedings within Courthouse East and Mitchell Courthouse and have not seen as outstanding a job in the briefing of the public, as done by Deputy Sheriff Thomas". He briefed:

- that Judge White is the presiding judge and that she should be addressed as "Your Honor"
- unruly conduct would not be tolerated within the courtroom
- speaking in the courtroom is to be kept at a minimum - talking may affect the recording of the court proceeding, since they are voice activated and turn towards sounds made
- cameras and cell phones for calling or taking pictures will not used

Failure to comply with these instructions will result in direct action being taken, whereby someone will be asked to leave the courtroom or removed, and cameras or cell phone, when used, will be confiscated.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas had the attention of all of the individuals in the courtroom and they knew, who maintained order in the courtroom. The above listing contains what I recall was more or less said, but there may have been other topics covered.

In addition, Deputy Sheriff Thomas assisted with the summonses that are signed by the defendants, advising when their next appearance is scheduled before the judge.

Message from the Sheriff:

Leadership is influencing people—by providing purpose, direction, and motivation—while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization.

BE, KNOW, DO

1. Be of good character. Your character helps you know what is right; more than that, it links that knowledge to action. Character gives you the courage to do what is right regardless of the circumstances or the consequences.
2. Know that a leader must have a certain level of knowledge to be competent. That knowledge is spread across three skill domains. You must develop interpersonal skills, knowledge of your people and how to work with them. You must have conceptual skills, the ability to understand and apply the doctrine and other ideas required to do your job. You must learn technical skills, how to use your equipment.
3. Do influence decisions and communicate those decision while motivating people. Operate the things you do to accomplish your organization's immediate mission and increase the organization's capability to accomplish current or future missions.



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